

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2008

MUNCIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Present

Suzi Leifer –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Randi Marder – Council person – Not Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates – Present

Tara Vitale – Invited guest

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

Open items from September 8, 08 meeting

- **Grant information** – Jeff Weiss spoke with Joe Bennett of the Shade Tree Federation. Federation has our information. The second phase has been completed and awaiting our submission of the Forestry Plan.
- **Dog Park** – One proposal has been obtained for landscaping the dog park. The Township requires three proposals. Two more are needed and being worked on obtaining. The donation bowl for the dog park at Marlboro Day raised around \$10 - \$15.00. Nanci Susino, will deposit this into the Shade Tree committee account.
- **Arbor Day 2009** – Maria Kramer of beautification committee was interested in partnering with the Shade Tree Committee when asked. Additional ideas for Arbor Day suggested was pot decorating and planting, giving to the elementary students the seeds left over from Marlboro Day, and Sherry Cilea will contact The Board of Education to find out what is done on Arbor Day in the schools.
- **Shade Tree Logo** – Sherry Cilea will contact the owner of a Marlboro Art Studio to see if she would be interested in holding a contest for a logo. The committee will provide a gift certificate to the winner.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – Ron Dollman informed the committee that the tree removal portion of the ordinance continues to be on hold due to a court case in Jackson regarding tree removal.
- **Tree Management Plan** – Ron Dollman presented the committee with a draft of the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeff Weiss, Debi Richards and township employee Bob Miller attended the Shade Tree Federation meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ on October 24, 2008. This meets the core training requirements.
- Tara Vitale will become a new member of the Shade Tree Committee. Jeff Weiss presented the motion, Sherry Cilea seconded the motion and all members voted yes.
- The committee discussed becoming a commission for many reasons among the most important was greater liability protection for the committee and township. Jeff Weiss will contact Randi Marder to discuss.

The next meeting will be on November 24, 2008 at 7:30 pm in Room 2

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.